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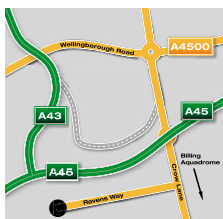
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Row over late night bin service

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London crash pilot flew mercy missions

A PILOT who died when his helicopter crashed into a tower in central London had spent many years working for the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

Pete Barnes, 50, who lived in Reading, had contacted air traffic control yesterday morning to request to divert the craft he was flying and land at Battersea Heliport due to bad weather conditions. However, he hit a crane on a high building in Vauxhall.

He was pronounced dead at the scene at around 8am.

Mr Barnes was one of the most experienced aviators in the country, and had racked up over 10,500 hours over his 25-year-career.

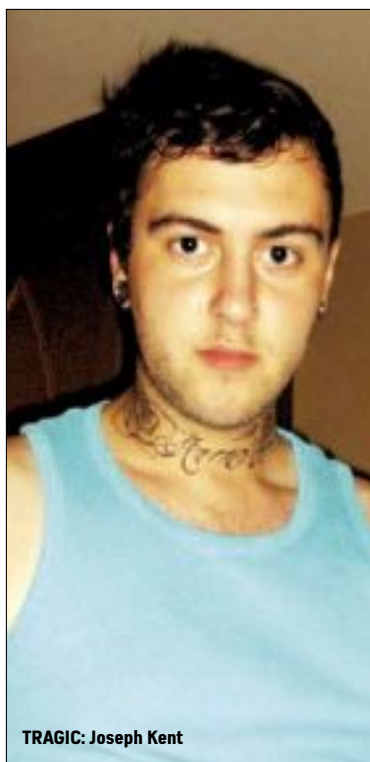
He joined Surrey-based company RotorMotion in 1997 and worked as a freelance pilot for other companies, flying air ambulances and working on film sets including James Bond.

Andy Williamson, Chief Executive, The Air Ambulance Service, said: "We are deeply saddened to hear the news that Pete Barnes was killed in the helicopter accident in London.

"Pete had worked with us for many years and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with his family and friends." Witnesses say

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'Perfect son Joe' dies after fracas



TRAGIC: Joseph Kent

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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NEWLYWED Joseph Kent died a day before what would have been his 25th birthday, after being caught up in a brawl at an entertainment complex.

Mr Kent is believed to have become involved in a dispute in the early hours of Sunday morning at Xscape in Milton Keynes.

He was taken to hospital with injuries and died on Tuesday. Two other men, aged 22 and 25, were also hurt and treated at MK General but were later discharged.

Mr Kent, who married wife Emma only last August, was well known in Northampton, where he worked at the Lucky 13 Tattoo parlour in Harborough Road, Kingsthorpe.

His brother Matty took to Facebook to leave a tribute to the talented young tattooist which read: "Hi everyone, today we lost a perfect son, husband, brother, grandson, nephew, son-in-law, brother-in-law and friend, 'Joe Willis' Kent".

"I can't really put into words how much we as a family appreciate everyone's comments, messages and support.

"The amount of people who came to see Joe and sent best wishes has been nothing short phenomenal."

Shocked friends also took to twitter to leave messages of condolence.

Tanya Beatty said: "Another life has been taken, only five months after his wedding. RIP Joe Kent. My thoughts are with his family", while another from Thomas Lloyd said: "RIP Joe Kent. Such horrible news. Worked with him for a couple of years and he was such a quality guy. So so sad."

Three men have been charged with GBH following the incident. Samir Bostan, 25, of Gurnards Avenue, Fishermead, Hamza Noor, 22, of Ranelagh Road, Wembley, Middlesex and Tariq Bostan, 26, of Wolston



PLACE OF WORK: Lucky 13 Tattoo

Meadow, Middleton, were all charged with one count of Section 18 GBH and two counts of ABH.

All three appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Tuesday, however police have indicated charges may be reviewed following Mr Kent's death.

Thames Valley Chief Inspector Gill Wootton said: "Our thoughts are with the family of the victim at this difficult time.

"In light of the tragic death of the victim, we will be reviewing the charges after examination of the results of the post-mortem and medical evidence, in conjunction with the CPS.

"The police are continuing to investigate this incident and we would urge anyone who has information or concerns relevant to the inquiry to call us.

"Investigations remain ongoing, however there is no indication that this was in any way a retaliation or a planned assault."

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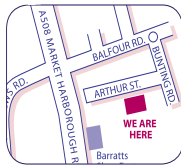
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Hospital hits back at low staffing levels risk fears

BY LAUREN ARCHELL
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NORTHAMPTON General Hospital has refuted claims that it has a 'dangerously low level of staff' which puts patients at a 'major risk.'

A ruling by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), which was made public this week, said that the hospital in Cliftonville did not have enough staff "to keep people safe and meet their health and welfare needs" — the standard every part of the health service must meet.

The Northampton hospital was one of seventeen issued with a warning by the official safety watchdog.

But Director of Nursing, Suzie Loader, said that the CQC had only ever identified 'moderate concerns' regarding staffing levels.

Speaking after the announcement, she said: "Northampton General puts patient safety at the top of all that it does and refutes any implication that it has put patients at major risk as a result of staff shortages."

"Following the CQC inspection in July 2012, the CQC



identified that it had, in its terms, 'moderate concerns' about staffing levels at NGH and not 'major concerns'.

"The CQC report also noted the hospital had an active recruitment plan in place to rectify gaps in staffing."

"This has been a matter of public record ever since and the hospital has been trans-

parent about the issue. Since April 2012, the hospital has successfully recruited 301 nurses and healthcare assistants from across the UK, Ireland, Spain and Portugal, with the aim of achieving 100 per cent nursing establishment."

"Initially, the Trust was aiming to achieve this by

November 2012, but due to a large increase in the number of admissions via A&E, we have had to open another ward within a short time, in addition to one opened earlier in the year, to meet increasing demand."

"This has meant that the number of substantive staff required has been increased."

Council plays cupid for 'singletons'

AN authority is hoping to turn matchmaker and bring couples together ahead of Valentine's Day.

Northampton Borough Council said its late night of music and entertainment on the evening of Wednesday, February 13 is aimed at 'singletons' aged between 25 and 45.

The £10-a-head dating night will take place in the unique setting of Northampton Museum and Art Gallery in Guildhall Road, in a bid to showcase the facilities and exhibitions.

A spokeswoman for the authority said that the evening was "one of the many and varied" the service had arranged.

She added: "These sort of events are self-funding through the ticket sales."

"Most of the time a small profit is made and then used for other events, so there is no cost to the council or the taxpayer."

"We hold lots of different events at the museum, which cater for all ages and interests."

"It is a perfect opportunity to come down and visit the museum and support a really fun night."

As well as exploring the gallery during the evening, entertainment will be provided by saxophonist Neal Asbury and internationally recognised magician David Fox.

There will also be a host of other activities and ice breakers for people to take part in, and a free drink for all who attend.

For more information, or to book a ticket in advance, call the Museum and Art Gallery on 01604 837397.

There will also be a bar available to purchase more refreshments.

For information about other upcoming events at the museum, visit www.northampton.gov.uk/museums

Herald&PostBriefs

SISTER JOINS MISSING MAN SEARCH
THE sister of Northampton man Artur Liana has made an appeal for information about his disappearance.

Magda Liana has visited the town to meet with the detectives leading the search for the 32-year-old, who was last seen in the early hours of December 22 in Castillian Street, Northampton.

She said: "If anyone has any information, whether they think it is relevant or not, they must get in touch." Anyone who may know what happened, should call 101.

BLACK AND WHITE TV STILL ALRIGHT
FIGURES released by TV Licensing reveal after nearly 46 years of colour transmissions, 68 black and white licences are still in force in Northamptonshire.

Across the UK, more than 13,000 households still have a black and white TV in use, including 506 in the East Midlands.

Mark Whitehouse, spokesman for TV Licensing, said: "It's remarkable that with the digital switchover complete, households still watch their favourite programmes without colour."

CHANGES AT THE TOP FOR COPS

IT is all change at the top at Northamptonshire Police.

A reshuffle has taken place following Deputy Chief Constable Suzanne Davenport being appointed as the new Chief Constable of Gloucestershire Constabulary.

While the recruitment process gets started, temporary changes have been made. From February 1 Assistant Chief Constable Martin Jelley will be Temporary Deputy Chief Constable and Chief Superintendent Paul Phillips will become Temporary Assistant Chief Constable.



Tragedy could have been much worse

From front page

that the tragedy which saw Mr Barnes die could have been 'immeasurably worse.'

The helicopter Mr Barnes was flying hit the ground just 20 yards from Vauxhall train station, which is a major commuting hub in the capital and an extremely busy route at peak time.

The twin-engine aircraft, which struck the under-construction St George Wharf, was reported to have been carrying Mr Barnes but no passengers.

At least two cars were hit by debris, while one person on the street was also killed as a result of the incident.

This individual has not yet been identified.

Ambulance officials said that an additional twelve people sustained injuries.

Of these, five were taken to hospital and another seven were treated by the emergency services at the scene.

Eye-witnesses also reported very low cloud at the time of the accident, suggesting the pilot may not have seen the crane, which was barely visible from street level.

The area was evacuated because of the precarious position of the crane at the top of the tower, but has since been re-opened.

Council admits 'no excuse' not to clean up

THE *Herald & Post* has helped to clean up an area of Northampton.

The newspaper was contacted about a serious issue of flytipping in the Goldings area.

Chairman of the Residents' Association, Martin De Rosario, was up in arms that rubbish had been dumped in Crestline Court.

He was appalled the waste had been there since January 4 and had not been removed when he contacted the paper this week.

Mr De Rosario said: "It has been there since January 4.

"There are plastic bread holders, a mattress and general waste.

"As chairman of the residents' association I am concerned if it stays there longer then it will attract rats and there will be an infestation problem which then spreads disease.

"I am not a happy bunny about this and have reported it to my local councillor.

"When this happens I feel we are 'forgotten Goldings' as if it was outside the Guildhall it would be removed straight away and everything would be as clean as a whistle."

Responding, Northampton Borough Council said it was not aware of this issue but would remove it in the next few days.

Councillor John Caswell, Northampton Borough Council's cabinet member for environment said: "I would like to thank the *Herald & Post* for drawing this flytipping to our attention. We will arrange for it to be removed.

"There is no excuse for people to expect others to clean up after them.

"We have a fantastic town, and by working together so everyone does their bit we can keep our neighbourhoods and communities clean and tidy.

"I would ask anyone who sees someone flytipping to call us on 0300 330 7000 to report it and help us catch the culprit."

Resident blasts his 'rubbish' late night bin service

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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A RESIDENT has said he appreciates his rubbish being taken away - but not at 8pm at night.

Dennis Meredith, who is also a Northampton Borough and Northamptonshire County Councillor representing Talavera Ward, was not impressed that his recycling was collected in the evening when it should have been taken away during the day.

Cllr Meredith said: "I was sitting down watching television last Tuesday when I heard a beep-beep and saw some orange flashing lights.

"This was at 8pm when the contractors were collecting the recycling waste for the council.

"I could not believe this was happening as it was it was dark and so many of the street lights are switched off in the area.

"How could they see what they were doing? I think it is disgusting it was being collected at this time."

Responding to these concerns, Cllr John Caswell, Northampton Borough Council's cabinet member for environment, said: "The period after Christmas is always busy with lots of



DUSTBIN WOE: Councillor Dennis Meredith

extra paper, plastic and cardboard to pick up.

"Sometimes this means we need to send out extra refuse vehicles to complete the daily rounds because there is so much to collect.

"This means we are still collecting late into the afternoon. If you are in any

doubt about your collection, or your bin has not been picked up on your scheduled day, then our advice is to give us a call on 0300 330 7000."

- What do you think? Have you had bin collections problems? Email letters@hpnorthants.co.uk

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OAK: Park ranger Debbie Samwell with Cllr David Mackintosh

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The replacement oak, donated by the Woodland Trust, was grown from a seed from a royal estate as part of the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Councillor David Mackintosh planted the tree in the Northampton park on Monday as close as he could to where the old oak stood.

Villains won't be Appy with crime crackdown

BY CHRIS GILL

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S most wanted people face being hunted down by App as part of a digital crackdown on crime.

The App will allow smartphone users to tap in their postcode and check out suspected villains at the click of a button.

The Northamptonshire Police initiative, which will also feature CCTV images, includes:

- Behind Bars - a section aimed at keeping the public

informed of people sentenced in court

- People of interest - identifying those wanted in connection with an active investigation

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Police and Crime Commissioner Adam Simmonds is backing the scheme - currently used by a number of forces across the country.

He said: "People can view the images simply by downloading the App and inputting a post-

code into the screen and selecting a radius of up to five miles.

"This will display a number of images connected to incidents in their selected area with a function for providing information immediately, and confidentially, to the police.

"This innovative App is an exciting step for us and will not only help solve more crime but allow the public to play an active part in doing so."

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Uncertain future for HMV workers

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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STAFF at HMV stores in Northampton and Wellingborough face an uncertain future after the retail giant was plunged into administration.

Around 25-30 staff at the group's shops in the Grosvenor Centre in Northampton (pictured) and at the Swansgate Shopping Centre in Wellingborough will be keeping their fingers crossed a buyer can be found.

One of the concerns for customers surrounds vouchers which people may have received as Christmas gifts or have kept and not yet spent.

A spokesman for the company, which has 239 stores across the country, said: "We are not in a position to accept any at this



time. We are in administration and as a result we very much regret we cannot accept them at present. The same policy is in place for the website."

The boss of HMV has said he is confident of finding a solution to the embattled retailer's troubles.

Trevor Moore said management had started working with administrators Deloitte.

He said: "We remain convinced we can find a successful business outcome. The intention is to con-

tinue to trade the stores." Mr Moore said the board would do whatever they could to support staff, while Deloitte assesses the prospects for the business and seeks potential buyers.

"Clearly this is a very worrying time for them and their families."

The Retail Trust, the only charity looking after the needs of all three million people working in retail, has pledged its support to all staff affected.

You can contact the Helpline by calling 0808 801 0808 or emailing helpline@retailtrust.org.uk.

- Yesterday DVD rental store Blockbuster announced it had called in administrators. There are two stores in Northampton on Wellingborough and Harborough roads and another shop in Wellingborough.

Don't get twitchy about eyeing up park birds

BUDDING twitchers are being invited to record sightings of wild birds at a Northampton leisure park.

Billing Aquadrome Holiday Park & Showground will be

handing out bird spotting forms to holiday home owners and visitors when it opens for the new season on Wednesday, February 6.

Andy Hannah, park manager, said: "The

holiday park is home to a variety of different birds and we are asking visitors to help us count them all up for our official records and pass their findings on to the RSPB.

"People will be able to spot common species such as starlings and sparrows as well as pink-footed geese, Muscovy ducks and the famous Billing Aquadrome black swan."

Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

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that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done. We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole."

Cloudy2Clear service the Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough & Corby areas and Trevor is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for,

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Premier location for new 104-room hotel

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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A NEW hotel could soon spring up in the heart of a town centre.

Plans were announced this week for a 104-bedroom Premier Inn hotel and restaurant in Albion Place, Northampton.

This site, which sits within the Northampton Waterside Enterprise Zone, is located in the town's cultural quarter.

The development will be built on council-owned land and will create about 50 new jobs when it opens.

It will be situated close to Royal & Derngate theatre and the new independent cinema which is currently being built.

Terms for a long ground lease have been agreed and a planning application is expected in the next few months.

If the proposal is approved by Northampton Borough Council's planning committee, work will start by the autumn with the hotel expected to open a year later.

Councillor David Mackintosh, leader of the borough council, said: "This is yet another example of the confidence the private sector is showing in Northampton at a time when



TRANSFORMATION: Albion Place is the chosen site for the proposed hotel

other areas of the country are struggling.

"This is the latest in a string of Northampton Alive projects which are transforming our town, from student accommodation at St John's and the new bus interchange which are already under way, to the impending redevelopment of Northampton Railway Station.

"The development of Albion Place will help refresh a run-down area and build on the town centre's vitality."

Richard Pearson, acquisition

manager for Whitbread Hotels and Restaurants, said: "Premier Inn is one of the UK's true success stories.

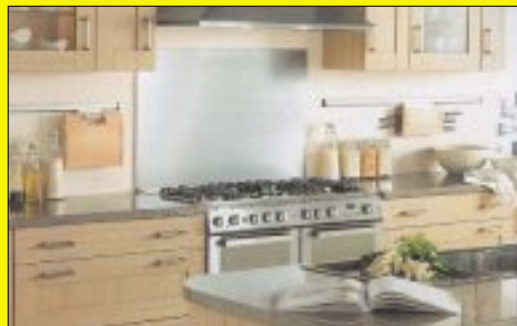
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Council 'made' £3.5m from parking charges

BY LAUREN ARCHELL
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AN authority made more than £3.5 million in revenue from car parks in the last two years.

According to figures published by the Institute of Advanced Motorists, Northampton Borough Council made £2,366,000 in profit in 2010/2011 and £1,295,000 in 2011/2012.

In contrast, Northamptonshire County Council made a loss from car parks over the last two years, with a deficit of £109,126 in 2010/11 and £17,991 in 2011/12.

A spokesman for the borough council said: "While these figures show the revenue that has been made, the money has been put straight back into supporting other council services and is not a profit."



CHANGES:
Cllr Tim Hadland

"We expect this revenue figure to fall again next year as we have implemented a number of reduced charges to encourage more people into the town."

Northampton Borough Councillor Tim Hadland added: "We changed our car parking

charges in October 2011. We introduced free one hour parking in three multi-storey car parks, free Sunday parking and reduced one and two hour parking charges by 25 per cent.

"So far this year use of the car parks has increased by 6.4 per cent. We also offered more free parking leading up to Christmas to encourage people to shop in the town centre."

A spokesman for the county council said: "The county council administers a pay and display on-street parking scheme across the county, which aims to encourage a fast turnover of visitors."

"People who want to stay longer to shop are encouraged to use car parks around the town centre."

"The on-street parking scheme aims to be cost neutral."

Roadworks limit entry to town centre car park

PART of a town centre car park is to be closed to drivers while roadworks take place outside.

Today and tomorrow the floor one entrance to St John's multi-storey car park in Northampton will

be closed to allow for the road outside to be resurfaced as part of ongoing work to improve the town.

The facility will remain open, but the south entrance on Victoria Promenade will be closed.

Drivers can enter the car park using St John's Street. Both entrances will be open again on Saturday.

From Monday, January 21, the St John's Street entrance will be closed for up to four weeks.

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Prince has date at shoe factory

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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NORTHAMPTON is set to get a high profile Royal visit when the Prince of Wales comes to town.

The heir to the throne will be dropping in at the Crockett & Jones shoe factory in Perry Street on Tuesday.

This will be his first trip to Northampton since December 2007 when he attended Upton and The Fishmarket.

His previous engagement was in January 2006 when the Prince came to town with the Duchess of Cornwall when they went to All Saints Church.

This latest date is something which Northampton North MP Michael Ellis has been working hard behind the scenes to make happen for months.

Now all this work has come to fruition.

Speaking about this Mr Ellis said: "I am absolutely delighted his Royal Highness, Prince Charles, has decided to visit Northampton. Our town



HEIR HE COMES: Prince Charles is visiting town

is really going places and he will be visiting one of our home grown success stories in Crockett and Jones.

"This is the company which has a well deserved international reputation for excellence and made the shoes worn by Daniel Craig as James Bond.

"This stopover in

Northampton is part of a tour of the country which the Prince of Wales is doing to promote excellence in manufacturing.

"It is particularly creditable for Northamptonshire to know the skills of these workers are respected around the world as producing goods of international quality.

"On this tour he will also be visiting Land Rover and the potteries in Staffordshire which are places of excellence.

"The Prince will be very welcome in Northampton and I am delighted he has taken the opportunity to come here to see the positive developments in the town.

"This is something I have been lobbying for over several months and I am delighted it is about to happen.

"This is a high profile day for Northampton and it will be excellent for the town.

"This is a big visit and it will be fantastic to have Princes Charles in Northampton."

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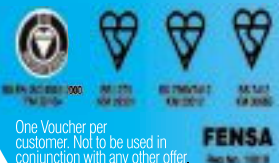
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This weather really is snow-joke

YOU either love it or you hate it. But then it depends on where you are sat at the time.

We are talking snow here, and while swathes of Northamptonshire looked pretty as a picture earlier in the week, behind that facade lurks danger.

It may be fun for youngsters who like to engage in building snowmen, having snowball fights or simply rolling around in it.

But I groaned when I saw the white stuff. To me it means an endless, tiresome trek to work, blighted by poor travelling conditions, and of course with snow and ice, sometimes even when showing the greatest care with driving, you can become embroiled in the most unfortunate incidents.

I don't want to be a misery, but the clamour for bad weather leaves me cold, if you excuse the pun, and the relentless guesswork by some news publications which build up the onset of a few flakes into a national disaster, is cringeworthy.

The British have a fascination about weather, and I do relish the fact we have four very different seasons. But we have never come to terms with winter conditions as a nation.

And it's true we are equally ill equipped should we suffer a heatwave in summer.

However, I do wish we could find something else to be obsessed with.

Robert Smith
By email



ICE AND EASY: The scene in Abington Park, Northampton, after snow fell across the county on Monday

It's time to protect our pipes

THE start of a new year doesn't mean that winter is behind us; in fact the opposite is often true.

And with temperatures outside plummeting many of us are reaching for the hats and gloves. But it's also important we make sure our homes are wrapped up warm.

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Paul Valleley
Director of Water Services
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Walk to raise dementia profile

THE Alzheimer's Society's flagship fundraising event last year - the Memory Walk - was one of our most successful to date and we want to thank all those volunteers who contributed to such a wonderful experience.

Without the help of our volunteers we would not be able to continue to provide care and support to those who need and rely on these services - both those with dementia and their relatives.

However, with the number of people diagnosed with dementia set to rise again this year, more people are always needed to join us in the fight against dementia.

We welcome more volunteers and are looking

for help with our Memory Walk later this year. By volunteering you can be part of a team and make a fantastic impact helping organise and create the Memory Walk 2013.

Tori Bray-Whitworth
Community Fundraiser
for East Anglia and Central Alzheimer's Society

Cuts are affecting the elderly

FEARS about the impact on the elderly as health and social care cuts are increasing and as British Red Cross research shows, Professor Ashton is not alone in his concern.

So let's put it bluntly: cuts and underfunding to preventative social care are leaving vulnerable people at risk.

According to a ComRes poll we commissioned, more than three-quarters of local councillors, who have seen funding for social care cut or frozen since 2010, say they are fearful of the effect on vulnerable people in their areas.

When the British Red Cross steps in to offer simple, practical and emotional support, our staff and volunteers save taxpayers up to £10,000 for each person they help.

By stopping unnecessary hospital or care home admissions, or preventing minor health problems escalating, these services not only make a huge difference to people's wellbeing, but also offer councils and the NHS the chance to save millions of pounds.

In the face of unprecedented pressures on budgets, ring-fenced funds must be allocated for preventative care services to ensure help is available to those who need it most.

The alternative doesn't bear thinking about.

Michael Adamson
Managing Director
British Red Cross

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Reward put up for cat death info

■ I can't understand the mentality of the evil person/s who did that to a poor defenceless animal.

It is beyond comprehension and was a very cowardly act.

They should be deeply ashamed of themselves. Karma!
Trudi Ridge

Wootton making Sedbergh proud

■ Great write-up Alex (Wootton).

We're all keeping tabs on your (and Jack Allcock's) progress at Franklin's Gardens. Keep working hard both of you, you are making Sedbergh School and your parents and families very proud.
Baz Cooper

Cobblers ratings v Chesterfield

■ Carlisle's signing could prove to be a massive mistake.
Aldo Raine



CONCERNS: MP Andy Sawford

Andy joins fellow MPs to put ambulance service in spotlight

MPs across the East Midlands will debate the problems of late ambulances in the House of Commons on Monday.

They will discuss this issue along with East Midlands Ambulance Service proposing to cut the number of stations.

For the county this plan would reduce the county's quota to two hubs - one in Northampton and the other in Kettering.

Corby and East Northamp-

tonshire MP Andy Sawford said: "People need to know if they call 999 they will get an ambulance.

"I feel these will get worse if the East Midlands Ambulance review goes through and reduces the number of ambulance stations to two."

Last week the H&P highlighted the case of injured Northampton footballer Julian da Silva, 18, who waited more than two hours for an ambulance.

Two-month delay in EMAS hubs plan

BY SOPHIE SCOTT

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A DECISION on the ambulance service's plans to create 'hubs' across the region has been postponed for two months.

The East Midlands Ambulance Service's (EMAS) trust board decided to delay the business case until March.

The proposals would mean that across the region the 66 hubs would be reduced to 13.

The one in Northampton would be one of two in the county, with

the other in Kettering. In documents presented to the board, it highlighted how more than 95,000 people signed petitions against the plans.

The board was told of the 'strength of feeling' from the public about the proposals but said it was 'encouraging' that people felt passionately about it.

In a statement, EMAS said: 'As a direct result of the feedback from the consultation, we are now looking at additional options which will allow us to meet our 'Being the Best' ambi-

tions. On the EMAS estate, in particular, it means we will be carrying out further analysis to make sure the final proposals work operationally and financially.

'Therefore, the Estates Business Case will now go to the March 25 board meeting rather than the January 28 meeting. The additional time will allow us to continue to work closely with staff representatives to review the alternative options with the aim of developing final proposals for the board to consider.'

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No shades of Gray

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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THE three most important words a police dog handler will ever learn are 'trust your canine'.

This is the code by which Pc Pete Gray has lived his life since he became a handler 17 years ago when he moved from being a bobby on the beat in Corby.

He currently works with police dog Flossie, who is a four-year-old Labrador.

Her role on the force is as a search dog which means she looks for missing people, tracks down weapons or clothing which have blood on them and searching for bodies.

The dogs are trained to do this by getting used to the scent of pig blood which is the nearest to a human's.

Pc Gray and Flossie have been involved in two high profile cases working with a POLSA - Police Search Advisor.

The first were the murders of Jifeng Ding, his wife Helen and their daughters, Alice, 12, and Xing, 18, whose bodies were found in Wootton, Northampton, in May 2011.

The policing duo were involved in the search outside the family's house in Pioneer Close to try to find any clues which would help the case.

Currently the prime suspect, Axiang Du, is under arrest in



DYNAMIC DUO:
Flossie, with
Pc Gray, eager
to start work

Morocco and British police are waiting for him to be extradited.

The other case Pc Gray and Flossie have been involved with saw them twice go to Machynlleth in Wales to help search for April Jones, who went missing from outside her home in October last year.

Talking about this experience, Pc Gray said: "This was one of the most demanding searches I have ever been involved with."

"It was demanding in terms of the terrain as a lot of it involved looking in wooded areas."

"At one stage there were five handlers and five dogs in a line

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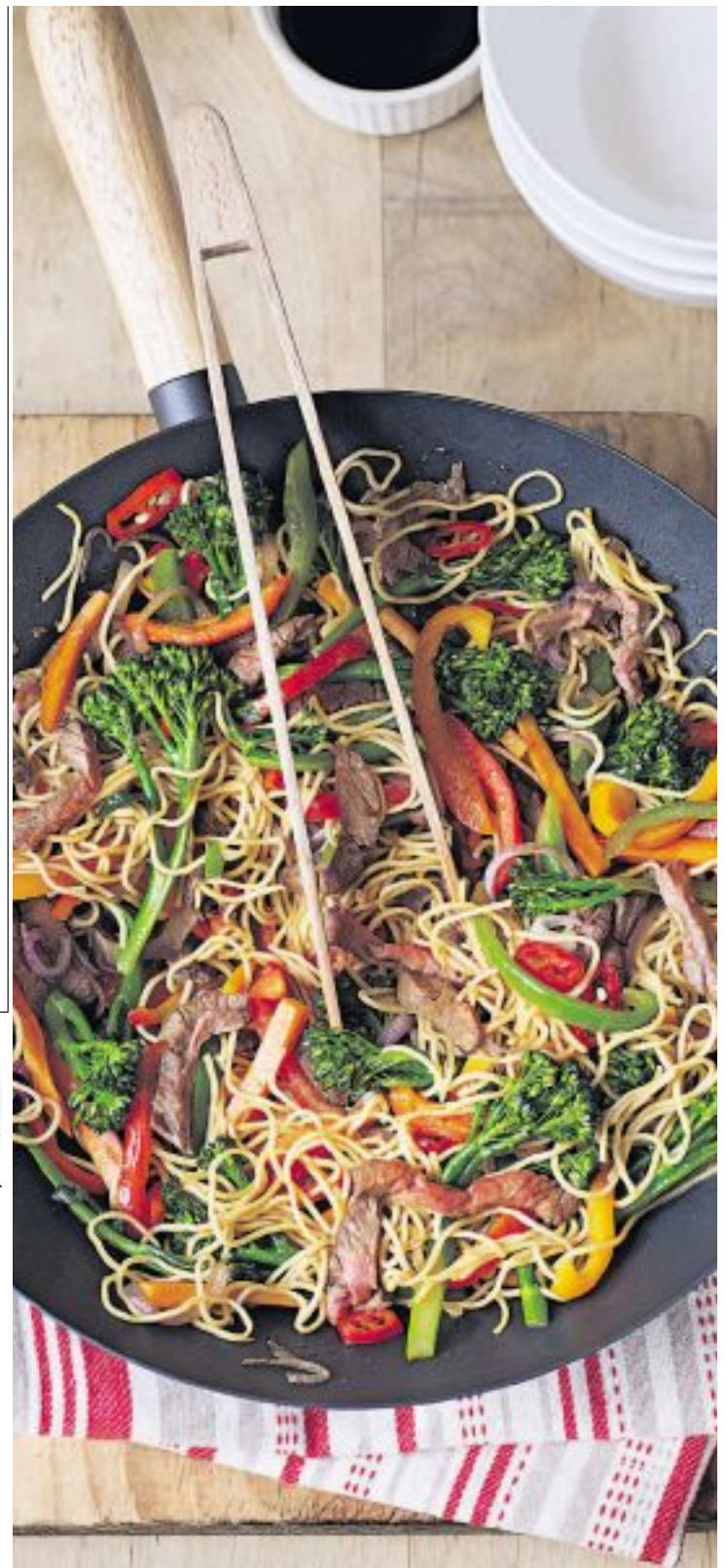
"What was very good about it was making good contacts and learning from the other dog handlers."

"I felt very proud to represent Northamptonshire Police on the search."

A man appeared in court on Monday charged with the abduction and murder of five-year-old April.

Mark Bridger pleaded not guilty at Mold Crown Court but his defence barrister said he was probably responsible for her death.

Pc Gray has worked with all types of search dogs including those which look for explosives, drugs and now a victim recovery. He said: "Flossie loves her work. The qualities I need are compassion, passion for what I do and enjoy working with dogs."



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Relief for Ringing Ears

New Discovery brings QUIET for most Tinnitus Patients

It's called tinnitus /tinī'təs/, and it is the tinkling, ringing or hissing heard in one or both ears. And actually, it is not in your ears at all, it's in your brain. It is estimated that 1 in 100 people in the UK have tinnitus which persists most of the time, and severely affects their quality of life.

A recent white paper published in the peer-reviewed journal the Hearing Review reports relief among 60 percent of patients from a sampling provided by 230 practitioner. Of this group, one-in-five (22 percent) said they received "major relief." This is good news for anyone with head noise.

Where Does Head Noise Come From?

In the cochlea thousands of "hair cells" are set in motion and sound is converted to electrical signals which travel along the auditory nerve to the brainstem for further processing.

The primary auditory cortex is the region of the brain that is responsible for processing of auditory (sound) information.

"Tinnitus is likely triggered by random neural activity in the auditory cortex," said Tim Evans, Managing Director at Hearing and Mobility Ltd. "It can be caused by noise trauma, allergic reactions, and sometimes strong prescription medications."

While some head noise may subside after 12 to 20 hours—after a day of operating

a table saw ... or at the completion of a brief regimen of prescription medication—with continual exposure tinnitus can become permanent."

According to Oregon Health Sciences University, 90 percent of patients with severe tinnitus also possess hearing loss. Patients who do not seek help for their hearing loss will perceive a worsening of their head noise.

"One major inadvertent tragedy is the belief that tinnitus cannot be helped," said Sergei Kochkin, PhD, executive director of the Better



Head noise is louder than ambient sounds to a listener who has a hearing problem.

Hearing Institute. "People, in addition to not seeking help for their tinnitus, also do not seek help for their hearing loss specifically because they concurrently have tinnitus." The report concludes that citizens with ringing ears should seek the help of a practitioner who is knowledgeable about treating tinnitus with hearing aids. Relief can now be achieved for most people.

Relief is Here!

A mild to moderate hearing loss causes the listener to experience a reduction in the awareness of ambient sounds. When head noise is present, this reduction in ambient sounds causes the head noise to seemingly increase. This study documents quantitative improvement achieved with the fitting of prescription hearing aids programmed with specific algorithms.

All Hearing and Mobility Centres are staffed by practitioners who have completed special training education courses in dealing with head noise said Tim Evans. Treatment comprises conducting an electronic hearing test, then importing the patient's audiogram into test unit hearing instruments. The practitioner and the patient can then see what the hearing condition of the ears are and how hearing instruments would overcome the problems.

Next, by increasing the amplification of low-level sounds as part of treatment and reducing maximum output of the instrument, we can move the patient's tinnitus which was previously conspicuous in the foreground of their perception, and relegate it

appropriately to the background with all other environmental sounds," said Tim Evans. "The very act of taking the focus off of tinnitus spells relief for most patients."



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"What is gratifying in our work is the patient's emotion as they realize their tinnitus has subsided, on the spot."

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Issued by the Newprint & Newspaper Industry Environmental Action GroupPolice worker demoted
for missing girl responseBY SOPHIE SCOTT
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A MEMBER of staff at Northants Police has been given a final written warning and demoted after they displayed a 'casual' attitude towards a missing girl.

The deputy team leader in the control room downgraded a call about a missing 15-year-old girl from a care home in November 2011, from an emergency to a 'prompt' response.

The vulnerable teenager was known to go missing frequently and suggestions to her location were given.

When she was found, several hours later, she was 'under the influence of alcohol' and said a man had sexually assaulted her.

A man was arrested, but later released without charge.

The risk assessment in making this decision was found to be flawed, the Independent Police Complaint Comm-



mission (IPCC) found. The incident log stated officers were to be deployed when they became available and the area sergeant was to be informed.

The IPCC investigation found the area sergeant had not been told and, according to the force's own policy, a young missing person should never be assessed as low risk.

The deputy team leader failed to accurately access all the relevant

information available to them in making the downgrading decision.

The IPCC investigation found no evidence that police officer resources were chased to go and look for the missing girl, bearing in mind they had a likely location to attend.

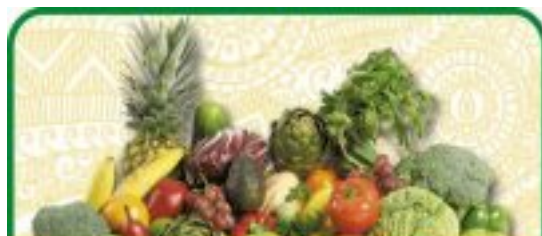
IPCC Commissioner Amerdeep Somal said: "Our investigation found the member of staff displayed a casual attitude towards the report of the missing

girl and wrongly assessed the risk."

Detective Superintendent Jan Meagher said: "Since this time we have made significant improvements in the control room - including working hard to improve our call handling efficiency, ensuring operatives take part in scenario-based training at the highest level and improving how we assess threat and risk."

"In addition, we now have a process where every incident that is graded one - emergency response, or graded two - prompt response, is reviewed and then closed by an inspector."

Police and Crime Commissioner Adam Simmonds said: "Although this is an operational matter for the police I will be looking in detail at the report's findings and considering what action can be taken to ensure that police responses on this kind of matter do not fall short in the future."



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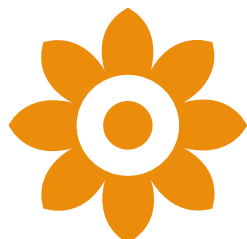


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The Last Stand (15) (1h45) (NFT)
Thurs: 13.00, 15.30, 18.00, 20.45

KIDS AM
The Three Stooges (PG) (2h)
Sat/Sun: 10.30

NEW RELEASES:
Django Unchained (18) (2h45) (NFT)
Daily: 13.15, 16.15, 17.15, 19.45, 20.45, (22.50 Fri/Sat/Weds Late)
Reservoir Dogs (R.E. 2013) (18) (2h) (NFT)
Fri/Sat/Weds Late: 23.15
Tues: 21.00

3D FILMS:
Monsters Inc (3D) (U) (1h30) (NFT)
Daily: (10.45 Sat/Sun), 13.30, 15.45, 18.00
Texas Chainsaw (3D) (18) (2h) (NFT)
Fri/Sat/Weds Late: 23.10
Life of Pi (3D) (PG) (2h10)
Daily: 20.15

FILM TITLE, CERTIFICATE AND TIMES:
Les Miserables (12a) (3h) (NFT)
Daily: (11.30 Sat/Sun), 12.00, 14.00, (15.00 Not Thurs), 15.30, 19.00, 19.30, 20.00, (22.30 Fri/Sat/Weds Late)
Texas Chainsaw (18) (2h) (NFT)
Sun/Mon/Tues: 21.15
Gangster Squad (15) (2h25) (NFT)
Daily: 14.45, 17.45, 20.30, (23.10 Fri/Sat/Weds Late)
Life of Pi (2D) (PG) (2h10)
Daily: 12.15, 15.20, (18.30 Not Tues/Thurs)
Parental Guidance (U) (2h05)
Sat/Sun: 11.00
Quartet (12A) (2h10)
Fri/Mon-Thurs: 12.15
The Impossible (12A) (2h35)
Daily: (10.00 Sat/Sun), 12.30, 15.10, 18.15, (20.30 Tues), (21.00 Not Tues), (23.30 Fri/Sat Late)
Jack Reacher (12A) (2h30)
Fri/Sat/Weds: 21.15
Pitch Perfect (12A) (2h12)
Daily: (Sat/Sun), (12.00 Not Sat/Sun/Thurs), 13.45, 17.30, (23.20 Fri/Sat Late)
The Hobbit (2D): Part 1 (12A) (2h55)
Daily: (10.00 Sat/Sun), 13.30, 17.05, 20.30
Tinkerbell & The Secret of the Wings (U) (1h25)
Sat/Sun: 10.15, 12.45
Rise of The Guardians (2D) (12A) (2h35)
Sat/Sun: 10.00

SUBTITLED PERFORMANCES:
Life of Pi (2D) (PG) (2h10)
Tues: 18.30
Tinkerbell & The Secret of the Wings (U) (1h25)
Sun: 12.45

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Heading to the swinging 60s

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THE SOLID SILVER 60S SHOW 2013

Royal & Derngate
March 14, at 7.30pm

MIKE Pender and Buddy Holly were both inspired by the John Wayne film The Searchers.

Mike used the title to name his group, while Buddy picked up on the line 'That'll Be the Day' and turned it into a million selling record.

It is amazing to think that in 1957 two teenagers, one in Liverpool and one in Lubbock Texas, went to see the film and both took different elements from it and used it in their pop careers.

The Searchers were originally formed in 1960 and when they hit the big time they were a foursome comprising John McNally, Mike Pender, Tony Jackson and Chris Curtis.

It was they who were responsible for a string of hits including Sweets for My Sweet which topped the charts in 1963, Sugar And Spice (No.2 in 1963), Needles and Pins (No.1 in 1964), and Don't Throw Your Love Away (No.1 in 1964) - some of the greatest records to come out of the finest period in pop music history.

According to Mike, fate seems to have played a large part in the history of The Searchers.

One slice of luck was him being a western fan and going to see the film.

The second was he only learnt guitar after one of the original members left the group and he met Chris Curtis, the drummer, who he had not seen for years after he got off a bus - ten minutes later and he would have missed him.

He said: "When we first started we did not think about a record deal all we wanted to do was play."

"When I was working in Burchill's in Liverpool I was earning £8 a week, when I was playing in the Star Club in Germany I was on £50 a week."

"It wasn't until we got back from Germany we got a record contract with Pye."

"When we had all our success we thought it would last forever, but it didn't, but we had three years at the top. Everybody has a turn at the top."

As well as Mike the Solid Silver 60s Show 2013 includes Dave Berry, Wayne Fontana, New Amen Corner and special guests The Merseybeats.

Tickets for the show cost £25 and can be bought by either calling the box office on 01604 624811 or emailing box.office@royalandderngate.co.uk

Ash Lane aiming to make the final

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Saturday at 6.30pm

NORTHAMPTON-based band Ash Lane are aiming to bring 'the house down' when they appear live in town on Saturday.

The four-piece group, who are aged 12 to 14 years old, have been together for two years and will be playing as part of the Y Factor Festival.

Ash Lane are hoping to get through to the final in March. There are loads of other great acts on as well. For more info on the group go to www.facebook.com/ash.lane.music

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COMICS READY TO SHINE

ROYAL & Derngate's comedy club
Screaming Blue Murder returns to the Underground stage for the first show of the new year on Friday, January 25.

Three of comedy's brightest rising stars take the microphone for a night of hilarity compered by Dan Evans.

Rob Heeney is the Isle of Man's premier - possibly only - stand-up comedian, while American singer-songwriter Loretta Maine is the alter ego of character comic Pippa Evans.

Fellow Now Show contributor and ex-maths teacher Paul Kerensa is one of British comedy's leading young talents. As a writer he has worked on Not Going Out and Miranda.

Tickets are £11.50 in advance or £12.50 on the door. Doors open at 7.45pm.

The show is recommended for ages 16 and over. To book, call the box office on 01604 624811, or visit www.royalandderngate.co.uk

Chopin comes alive in concert

CLASSICAL MUSIC

JANINA FIALKOWSKA

Royal & Derngate
Sunday, January 27, 7.30pm

INTERNATIONALLY renowned pianist Janina Fialkowska will be bringing the music of Chopin to life in Northampton later this month.

She will be joined by the French conductor, Fabien Gabel, who will lead the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (RPO) during a concert featuring three of the Romantic era's most distinguished composers.

Janina (pictured) is well known for her interpretations of the classical and romantic repertoire, and in particular the piano works of Chopin.

Her highly-praised recordings include the 24 Chopin Études, and three CDs released during the 2010 Chopin anniversary year to huge acclaim.

There is a free pre-concert talk at 6.30pm before the concert, with RPO Managing Director Ian Maclay in conversation with Fabien and Janina.

Children aged between six and 13 can join members of the RPO at 1pm before the concert on January 27 for



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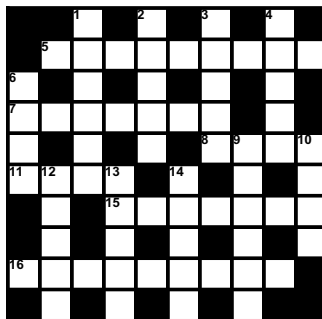
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ACROSS

5. Inking (9)
7. Regret (7)
8. Attack with knife (4)
11. Travail (4)
15. Annul (7)
16. Hush-money (9)

DOWN

1. Petrel (6)
2. Gush out (5)
3. Land measures (5)
4. Deadly snake (5)
6. Hands (4)
9. Small stuff (6)
10. Children (4)
12. Part of flower (5)
13. Talent (5)
14. Find fault (5)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

ACROSS: 1. Vile 3. Bark 6. Scurry 7. Vet
9. Enigma 10. Rotund 13. Bad 14. Unique
15. Golf 16. Trim
DOWN: 1. Vast 2. Eire 3. Beyond 4. Ravage
5. Stoa 8. Studio 9. Engulf 10. Robe 11. Wilt
12. Helm

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Use all the numbers and signs to make the star total. Do calculations in strict order from left to right with no brackets - eg $9 \times 4 - 4 + 2 + 3 = 19$
Last week: $5 + 5 + 8 \times 6 - 1 = 53$

FIND THE WORDS

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C	U	K	O	O	K	S	O	U	I	R	U	F

Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: Mad: Angry, Mad, Insane, Wacko, Idiotic, Crazy, Bonkers, Fey, Touched, Loopy, Crackers, Daft, Barmy, Zany, Dotty, Cuckoo, Manic, Furious, Loco, Ireful

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How many words of four letters or more can you make? No plurals, proper names or foreign words. All must include the centre letter. Good: 24 Maestro: 34+

ANSWER: BRAIN STRAIN
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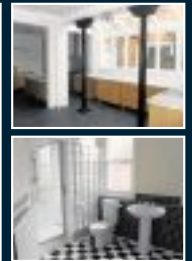
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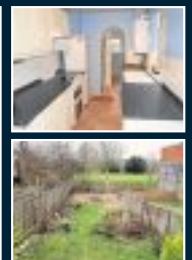
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York Road

£375,000

This contemporary yet versatile Edwardian property set over four floors is offered to the market in excellent decorative order throughout. The property benefits tandem double garage and ample off road parking to the rear, with multi purpose living the property is highly recommended to view. The accommodation is set over four floors and comprises six bedrooms and three large reception rooms. The basement has been converted to allow a fully functioning separate duplex dwelling, with two bedrooms and its own entrance. The main accommodation has refitted kitchen-breakfast room, spacious reception rooms, three further bedrooms, en-suite to master and separate bathroom. To the rear of the property is a low maintenance rear garden with a detached double garage that is electronically operated.



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Gervase Square

£139,995

A very well presented Georgian Style two bedroom family home situated in this popular cul-de-sac location in Great Billing. The beautifully presented property has been modernised throughout, the property is offered for sale with PVCu double glazing, radiator heating and comprises entrance porch, sitting room, kitchen, inner hall way, large conservatory, two double bedrooms and a bathroom. Outside there are gardens to the front and rear. The rear garden is low maintenance which leads onto the garage.



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Friars Avenue

£155,000

Three bedroom semi detached home with a large lounge/dining room with french doors leading on to the rear garden, PVCu double glazing and radiator heating.

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Guildhall Road

£110,000

Two double bedroom apartment benefiting from a allocated parking space, gas radiator heating and secondary double glazing. Open plan living room/kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom.

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London Road

£198,500

Three bedroom detached family home. Presented in very good decorative order throughout, has a garage to the rear aspect and ample off road parking. Further benefits include two separate reception rooms, double glazing and gas radiator heating.

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Piccadilly Close

£122,500

Set on an elevated plot in this quiet cul de sac is this well presented two bedroom semi detached property ideal for professionals as low maintenance is the theme throughout. Paved private rear garden, laminate flooring, double glazing and radiator heating.

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Abbey Road

£120,000

A two bedroom, terraced property offered for sale, in our opinion, in good decorative order. The accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, two double bedrooms and bathroom.

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Windflower Place

£79,950

A two bedroom terraced home offered for sale with no onward chain. The property is in need of some cosmetic work but benefits from having good access to main road links and would make an ideal buy to let.

West Cotton Close

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Henry Bird Way

£99,995

Two double bedroom ground floor apartment, set back from the road and tucked away in the corner of the development the property is a must see. The property further benefits a refitted bathroom, radiator heating, double glazing and allocated off road parking.

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Probyn Close

£110,000

Two bedroom semi detached home, on the market with no upward chain. The property further benefits from refitted family bathroom, double glazing and radiator heating. The accommodation briefly comprises of sitting room, kitchen/dining room.

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Sunset Court

£235,000

Large four bedroom detached family home, three separate reception rooms, a large summer house and ample off road parking. Further benefits include PVCu double glazing and radiator heating. Conservatory, a rear garden and a detached double garage.

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St Crispins

£197,500

An exceptionally well presented three bedroom detached property situated in a cul de sac location in St Crispins with features to include en suite shower room to master bedroom, utility room and cloakroom/wc. The modern kitchen has granite work surfaces and integrated appliances. There is a private enclosed rear garden and a driveway leading to a tandem garage with electrically operated up and over door. EPC Rating C.



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St James

£109,950

A two bedroom top floor apartment located in the popular Life Building development in St James. This spacious apartment has features to include gas radiator heating, sealed unit double glazing, contemporary style fitted kitchen, a dual aspect lounge with a balcony leading off and allocated parking. The property is offered for sale with no upward chain and an internal viewing is highly recommended. EPC Rating B.



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St James

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St Crispins

£168,500

A three bedroom property enjoying far reaching views to the front, with features to include double glazing, gas radiator heating, cloakroom/wc and a garage to the rear. EPC Rating C.



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Timken

£99,950

A two bedroom first floor apartment situated within close proximity to Duston Village and benefiting from double glazing and radiator heating. The accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge with kitchen area, two bedrooms and bathroom. EPC Rating B.

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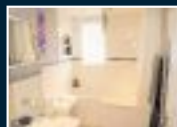
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£99,995

An immaculately presented deceptively spacious groundfloor two bedroom apartment with utility room and garage. Features include refitted kitchen and luxury bathroom. EPC Rating D.



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Duston

£180,000

An extended four bedroom semi detached property with features to include cloakroom/WC and garage. EPC Rating D.



Duston

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St James

£115,000

A well presented two bedroom Victorian terraced home. Comprising an open plan living/dining area and benefits from refitted kitchen and bathroom. Features a courtyard style rear garden and double glazed windows. EPC Rating D.

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£125,000

A well presented semi detached bungalow with features including gas radiator heating, a refitted bathroom, recently refitted kitchen, double glazing and driveway. EPC Rating D.



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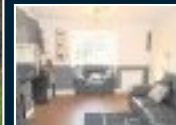
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£270,000

A well presented four bedroom detached family home. With features to include, refitted kitchen, master bedroom with luxury en suite and landscaped rear garden. EPC Rating C.



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Duston

£215,000

A spacious three bedroom detached chalet style property offered for sale with no upward chain. Features include refitted bathroom and cloakroom/WC, neutral decor throughout, majority new floor coverings, conservatory, ample off road parking. EPC Rating D.



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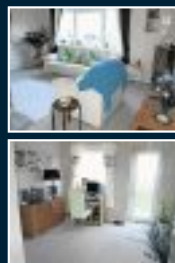
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Tucked away on a quiet cul de sac overlooking a green is this three bedroom semi detached house. The property is conveniently located for the University Park Campus. EPC: E.

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£124,995

Situated on a corner plot in a central Kingsthorpe location with room to extend. The property has a re-fitted bathroom, gas central heating as well as front, side and rear gardens. EPC: D

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£115,000

Offered with no upper chain a mid terraced house with accommodation currently as a three bedroom house with an upstairs bathroom. This well presented property also benefits from double glazed and gas central heating. EPC: D.

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£125,000 oieo

A modern penthouse apartment comprising of spacious living accommodation. Ideal for first time buyers or as a buy to let opportunity. The property features two double bedrooms with an en-suite to the master and a separate shower room. EPC: B.

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£248,950

One of the larger four bedroom detached houses with detached double garage situated on a cul de sac off the Boughton Green Road. An exclusive estate close to the University. EPC: B

Kingsthorpe Lettings

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Located in the popular Queens Park area this three bedroom terraced house is within walking distance of Avenue Campus. Further benefits include a cellar and a sizeable rear garden. EPC: TBC

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Belstead Road

£269,995

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Victoria Road

£285,000

Situated over four floors is this imposing four bedroom Victorian family home, the property boasts a wealth of character throughout and with multiple reception rooms it is a property that is not to be missed. The property comprises on the ground floor, entrance hall, cloakroom/w.c., sitting room and study. On the lower ground floor is the kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, dining room and cloakroom/w.c. On the first floor is a further cloakroom/w.c., two bedrooms and bathroom. On the second floor are two further bedrooms and a shower room. EPC:TBC



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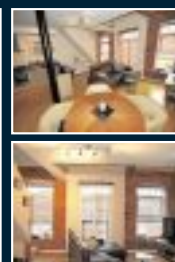
Kenmuir Crescent

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A three bedroom home. The accommodation briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, ground floor bathroom and three first floor bedrooms. EPC:TBC

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- Semi Detached Property
- End of Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- En-Suite to Master
- Family Bathroom
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces
- Kitchen
- Downstairs WC



Weston Favell Village £205,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen Breakfast Room
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom
- Loft Conversion
- Close Proximity to Local Church



Northampton £197,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Conservatory
- Downstairs W/C
- Rear Garden, Driveway



Delapre £130,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Dining Room, Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking



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Northampton £87,500

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- Three Bedroom
- Dining Room
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- Utility Room
- Garage & Off Road Parking


Reg Partridge Close £265,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/Dining Area
- Kitchen
- En-Suite
- Front and Rear Gardens


Northampton £180,000

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Corner Plot


Northampton £167,000

- Three Bedroom Detached
- En-Suite To Master
- Two Reception Rooms
- Dining Room
- Garage & Off Road Parking


Cameron Crescent £165,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Ensuite
- Garden


Northampton OIEO £145,000

- Three Bedroom Bungalow
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Front & Rear Gardens


Eldean Road £140,000

- Two bedroom detached bungalow
- Family Bathroom
- Garage
- Conservatory
- Attic room


Meadow Close £137,500

- Two Bedroom
- Double Glazed
- Open Plan Lounge
- Off Road Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens


Tenby Road £130,000

- Three Bedrooms one with En-suite
- Dual Aspect Lounge
- Refitted Kitchen
- Separate Dining Room
- Off Road Parking


Northampton OIEO £126,000

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Garage
- Off Road Parking


Harlestone Road £125,000

- Two Bedroom Mid Terrace Property
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing Where Specified
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking


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- Bathroom
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WHATEVER you're buying, whether it be a stereo, a fridge or a motor car, the very cheapest option will usually also be the very nastiest.

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The key decision in this sector that has taxed the minds of many major manufacturers is whether to develop a five or a seven-seat model.

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inside the rear suspension subframe. This drops the floor height by some 40mm, allowing for a more relaxed seating position.

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(Afternoons)

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Please email beds.su@beds.ac.uk for an application pack quoting the job title. To apply in writing to Kayleigh Clydesdale, Administrator, Beds SU, Campus Centre, Park Square, Luton, Beds LU1 3JU. Closing Date: 10am Monday 21 January 2013.

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For an application pack and to arrange a visit to the school, please contact Miss Lisa Hamblin, School Secretary at alban@deal.bedfordshire.gov.uk or telephone 01234 870735

Completed applications should be sent to the School Manager, Mrs Margaret Dawson, at mdawson@albanacademy.org

Closing date for applications: **Wednesday 30th January 2013**

Shortlisting date: **Wednesday 6th February 2013**

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For further details (including the job description and person specification) and for an application pack please contact Nicola Hudson on 01767 601010 or by email at admin@ivelvalley.beds.sch.uk

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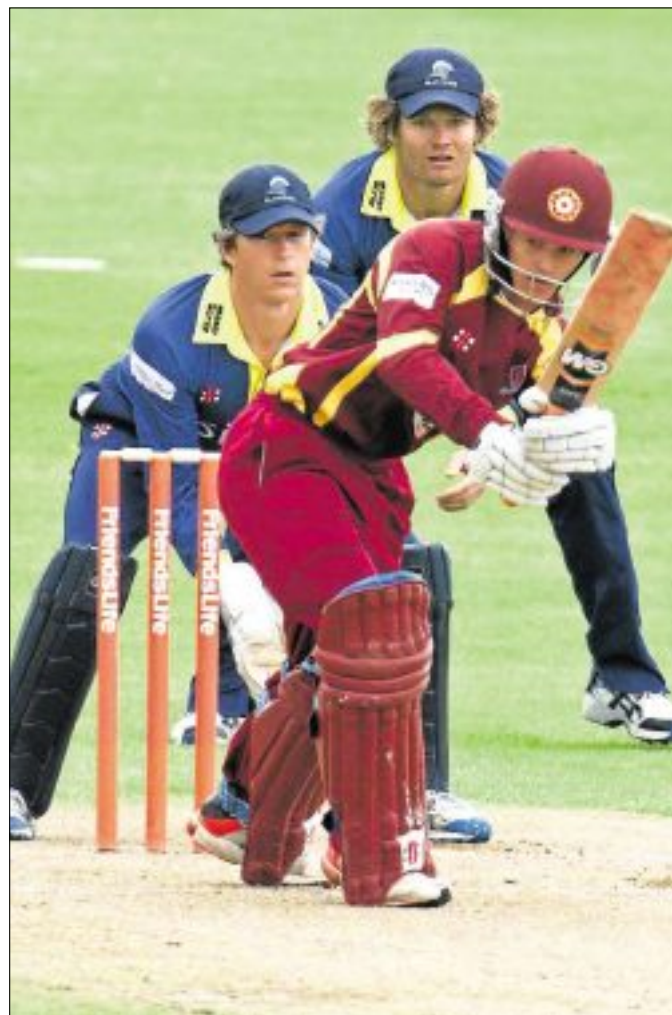
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Duckett ready to dive in at deep end



FRONT FOOT: Ben Duckett's stroke play has caught the eye. Picture: Andy Kearns

CRICKET

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BEN Duckett feels the lessons learned from England's quarter-final exit at last year's Under-19 World Cup will benefit both him and the team when they head to South Africa later this month.

The Northamptonshire wicketkeeper was called up to the 15-man squad for the two test and five match one-day international series between January 23 and February 21 along with county team mate Olly Stone.

Duckett was a regular in the side that played out in Australia during the 2011 World Cup, playing as they lost to the South Africans in the last eight by 103 runs. However, he feels they will be better at dealing with them this time.

"It was one of the most hostile atmospheres I have ever played in and it's good to have had that experience so that we can pass it on to the younger players in the squad," said Duckett.

"That side of the game spurs me on. What they're doing is not name calling or anything like that, but the bowler is trying to intimidate you and make you throw away your wicket.

"In the past, I might have said something back to him but that's what he wants you to do. You've just got to stand your ground and say nothing while he walks back to his mark."

The 18-year-old is highly-thought of at Northamptonshire. He made his Steelbacks debut in the Friends Life T20 match at

home to Gloucestershire Gladiators last year, playing as a specialist batsman.

Duckett only got to face 12 balls in a match badly affected by rain, but did manage to feature regularly for the second XI. Head coach David Ripley expect big things from the academy graduate.

"He has all the ingredients to become a top class wicket keeper batsman," said Ripley.

"He has looked very assured in the second-team environment, made his first-team debut and forced his way into the England Under-19 World Cup team as a 17-year-old."

Duckett does not expect to be involved in the first team straight away in 2013 as David Murphy is the incumbent. Duckett will miss much of the first half of the season due to finishing off his final year at Stowe School.

But he is set to join Northants for their pre-season trip to Barbados in March and hopes a strong showing there and with the England Under-19s will ensure he stays in Ripley's thoughts.

The Northants head coach spent over 15 years behind the stumps for the county before joining the club's coaching staff and has worked with Duckett since the Farnborough-born player joined the youth system at the age of 11.

Duckett is pleased to have a familiar face he can turn to for advice, particularly as his elevation to senior cricket came around the same time as Ripley was appointed head coach midway through last season.

For now, Duckett's focus is on the tour to South Africa.

Reeve keen to punch his weight

BOXING

NATHAN Reeve could be fighting for the English super flyweight title when he returns to the ring in March, but he is waiting to find out whether his promoter's request will be approved by the British Boxing Board of Control (BBBC).

Reeve claimed the vacant British Masters belt last September by stopping Terry Broadbent in the eighth round. The Northampton fighter is now looking to step up to the next level in 2013.

Promoter PJ Rowson has asked the BBBC to consider allowing the 23-year-old to contest the English belt, held by John Donnelly, when he boxes in Wolverhampton on Saturday, March 9.

"My promoter has got to start pushing me on now because I have established myself as one of the top super flyweights in the country," said Reeve.

"I've got four knock-outs from my seven wins, so I'm getting a reputation as quite a strong puncher at my weight and I showed in my last fight that I can mix it with the top lads.

"I don't know if I'll definitely be able to fight for the English title because I've only had eight fights, but if I do and win then it could lead to a British title fight."

The Former Far Cotton Boys ABC amateur is ranked second in Britain at his weight by Boxrec.com. Lonsdale belt holder Paul Butler is the only man rated above him.

As well as potential title shots, Reeve is eyeing a rematch with Mike Robinson, who handed him his only defeat in the Prizefighter tournament in 2011.

Town could host finals

BOXING

NORTHAMPTON is in line to host the finals of this year's Elite ABAE Championship Finals at the Derngate Theatre after the venue was named as host for the East Midlands section of this year's tournament.

The regional round of the Senior ABAE Open Class Boxing Championships takes place on Saturday, February 2 and if that goes well, then the national finals could be returning to the Derngate later this year.

The theatre last hosted boxing in 2002 when Northampton's Alan Bosworth suffered a third-round knock-out against Junior Witter in his unsuccessful challenge for the British light welterweight title.

"The directors of the ABA came and looked around the venue and they were very impressed with what they saw," said project manager James Hayes.

"It's the first time that we've had boxing here for some years and there is the possibility that they could be bringing the national finals here as well."

Last year's Elite finals were held at the York Hall in Bethnal Green and the country's best amateur boxers could well be battling it out for top honours in Northampton.

Hayes is also hopeful that 2012 Olympic super heavyweight gold medalist Anthony Joshua will be in attendance for the East Midlands round at the start of next month to present trophies to the boxers.

Towcester provides stage for trainer duel

HORSE RACING

RED hot trainers Charlie Longsdon and Venetia Williams can provide some winter warmth for punters keen to sample the delights of National Hunt racing at Towcester on Sunday.

Both handlers have had their strings in excellent fettle of late – as they showed by landing the two big races at Warwick on Saturday with Ely Brown and Rigadin de Beauchene respectively, and both hold entries for the weekend's local fixture, which is due to get underway at 1.15pm.

Williams and Longsdon came out on top numerically for winners turned out from their stables at Towcester with six and five respectively last year, and it would be no surprise to witness a repeat in 2013.

Longsdon, whose season's stable flagship Pete The Feat just failed to pull off a remarkable six-timer when third to Rigadin de Beauchene at Warwick, had both Credit For Life and No No Charlie in the opening 2m novices' hurdle.

Credit For Life has been off the course for well over a year but was second in his point to point in Ireland to the Philip Hobbs-trained De La Bech which has won twice over timber this winter before running behind Ely Brown on Saturday. Meanwhile, No No Charlie, a winner of a Fontwell bumper in May, would be looking to go one better than his hurdling debut at Uttoxeter in October.

Williams runners are always to be feared at Towcester and it could pay to side with Market Option in the 2m 3 1/2f handicap hurdle at 2.15pm, following a fair second here on Boxing

Day behind the well-handicapped Seymour Eric.

There would be no more popular a scorer for county supporters than the Richard Harper-trained Top Benefit in the 3m Visit The Forum On gg.com Handicap Chase at 2.45pm. The 11 year-old grey Beneficial gelding has run at Towcester in three of his last four outings, finishing third on two occasions.



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Town's teen keeper in very safe hands

FOOTBALL

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LEE Nicholls has backed fellow Northampton Town goalkeeper Dean Snedker to benefit from his call-up to an England goalkeeper coaching camp.

Nicholls, 20, who is on loan for the season from Premier League side Wigan Athletic, was back-up to Norwich City's Declan Rudd in the England squad that reached the semi-finals of the 2010 European Under-19 Championship. He also played for the Under-19s in a friendly against Germany two years ago.

Although he only has that solitary cap to his name, Nicholls is in no doubt his national team involvement has made him a better keeper and feels Snedker will be more rounded for training with England youth coaches at St George's Park last week.

"Just being around England squads and the quality that is around my age really did help me," said Nicholls.

"Dean is a great lad and he has got the ability to go far, and I wish him all the best.

"Going away with England is a great experience for him and if he gets his head down and works hard then he will get his chance.

"If he take it, then you never know where he will play and he could go all the way."

Snedker joined Manchester City's Angus Gunn, Alex Palmer of West Bromwich Albion, Luke Coddington of Middlesbrough and John Sutherland of Manchester United for the camp at the FA new headquarters in Burton last week.

The group spent Thursday and Friday being put through their paces by former Wales international stopper Martin Thomas and England Under-19 goalkeeping coach Simon Smith.

Cobblers boss Aidy Boothroyd, who handed Snedker his debut while he was still only 17 against Championship side Cardiff City in the Capital One Cup at the start of this season, was pleased to see his keeper getting recognition.

"He is only 18 years old but there are not too many 18-year-old keepers who have played first-team football.

"This call up shows the progress he is making is being recognised at the highest level of the game," said Boothroyd.

Snedker has made three



SAFE HANDS: Northampton Town prospect Dean Snedker
Picture: Andy Kearns

first-team appearances for Northampton this season and last August signed a contract that will keep him at the club until at least June 2015.

He is the latest keeper to come through the youth system at Sixfields in recent years, following Mark Bunn and Chris Dunn. Bunn is now starting for Norwich in the Premier League after originally moving to Blackburn Rovers in 2008, while Dunn is serving as back up to Joe Murphy at League One side Coventry City.

Nicholls has warned Snedker not to expect much playing time over the next year but he has been impressed with the way the youngster goes about his business on the training ground.

Rather than tapping up Nicholls for advice, Snedker tends to watch what he and youth teamer Ben Heath are doing before trying to make improvements to his game.

Having former England goalkeeper Tim Flowers on the club's coaching staff also gives the trio someone with plenty of experience of playing at the highest level to talk to and learn from.

Nicholls looked up to Flowers during his formative years and is delighted to be able to work with him. He hopes that one day both he and Snedker can go onto emulate everything the former Blackburn man achieved during his career.

"He was around when I was a kid and everyone used to be talking about him," said Nicholls. "Just to have him around me is good because he is an idol.

"Working with Tim is great for Dean as well because he has been to the top, played for the England senior team and has done everything that me and him want to do if we get the chance in our careers."

Waugh is champion

ATHLETICS

EMILY Waugh is the new Rugby & Northampton AC Ladies Club Cross Country Champion after her performance at the of the Birmingham Cross Country League Division One meeting at Sandwell Valley on Saturday.

Waugh finished in 35th place out of 216 runners in a time of 27 minutes and 18 seconds over the four-mile course, which was good enough to see the 19-year-old wrest the club title away from reigning champion Jo Pulsford.

Her run helped the R&N team finish in 12th place on the day and although they dropped to 11th overall in the 16-team league there is a gap of 275 points between them and the relegation zone.

In the men's race, Chris Perez produced his best ever performance in Division One to lead home Rugby & Northampton AC for the first time in seven years.

Perez finished in 44th place to record 34.24 on a course just short of six miles.

Maintaining his consistency to finish in the top 50 for the third time in a row was Hywel Davies in 46th spot on 34.31 and Seb Palmer once again had a good run in 69th position on 35.18.

Iain Bothroyd made the top 100 for the first time when he was the leading M40 Veteran for the club in 97th place on 36.28 and fellow veteran Brendan Moen recorded 37.14 to cross the line in 115th.

The only male junior taking part for R&N was 18-year-old Robert Male, making his Division One debut, and he completed the scoring six in 122nd place with 37.27.

The final men's race will take place at Birchfield's Alexander Stadium on Saturday, February 9, while the Ladies will be at Pittville Park in Cheltenham on the same day.

Before then, the club head to Stafford for the Midlands Cross Country Championships on Saturday, January 26.

■ SILSON Joggers took a step closer to retaining their place in Division One of the Chiltern League after finishing in 11th place overall at the

fourth meeting of the season in Luton on Sunday.

Debutant Emma Hunter led the Silson ladies team home at Wigmore Valley, claiming 25th overall and 16th in her class, while Heather Kirk and Tasha King also put in

strong efforts.

Chris Wood, above, and Nick Pacey were first home for the men's squad that was hit by injuries and illness. However, the Silson juniors picked up 200 points on the day to make a big difference to the scores.

Silson need to beat Oxford by 68 points and Tring by 143 points in the final round at Tring on February 9 to survive in Division One.



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Joyce Porter

BOWLS

NORTHAMPTON & District IBC's trio of Linda Warren, Janet Swift and Joyce Porter bowed out of the Ladies Over 50 Two-Wood Triples after a 15-13 defeat to Shirley Hall's Cambridge Chesterton IBC rink.

The match could have gone

either way and on the last end Porter trailed the jack, only to see it go to a Chesterton bowl instead of her waiting bowls which would have given the Northampton trio the win.

Warren and Porter will get another chance at glory in a national competition, though, after helping the

Ladies Fours team into the Inter Area stage of their competition with a 23-17 win over Wellingborough IBC in the Area Final.

They joined Marilyn Oram and Dena Bryan on the rink, and they will face a four from City of Ely IBC in the next round. The date and venue is yet to be confirmed.

Kingsthorpe IBC's Over 60s Mens Four have also reached the Inter Area stage of their competition.

Pete Maloy, Pete Morris, Jim McKee and Mick Sharpe beat John Haines' Desborough IBC rink 24-15 and now face Brian Monaghan's rink from Ross Peers IBC.

Swift exit for veteran Northampton trio

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CAP FITS: Dorian West say him and Jim Mallinder spend the salary cap on 35 senior players. Picture: Andy Kearns

Cap concern for Saints coach West

RUGBY UNION

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DORIAN West has expressed his frustration over the restrictions the salary cap place on Northampton Saints' ability to recruit players and is perplexed how some English clubs are able to accommodate their array of stars.

The Saints yesterday confirmed the signing of prop Alex Corbisiero from London Irish and new deals for Alex Waller and Tom Mercey. However, they are resigned to losing Soane Tonga'uiha and Brian Mujati to French side Racing Metro and Paul Doran Jones to Aviva Premiership rivals Harlequins.

Northampton say they spend the £4.5million cap limit and forwards coach West does not see how any club could build a better squad if they are adhering to the rules.

"I can't say because I don't know all of the figures, but I know we spend £4.5million and we've got 35 senior players, and they're all of a decent standard," said West. "Other clubs have got 50-odd players and they're all of a decent standard, so try and work it out for yourself."

"There is a salary cap in England and if you look at the group of players we have got, that's what you get for £4.5 million."

"You can look at some of the numbers in the other squads and the

quality, and try and work out how much they're actually spending because we are the benchmark."

Questions over potential salary cap breaches were raised earlier in the week when Saracens announced the signings of James Johnstone and Billy Vunipola from Quins and London Wasps respectively. However, Premiership Rugby are satisfied there is no wrongdoing.

"We are very much aware of what's going on within each club," PRL rugby director Phil Winstanley told The Guardian. "Until we can prove otherwise then as far as I'm concerned there is no breach of the salary cap."

The Saints head to Glasgow Warriors on Saturday knowing they must win with a bonus point and hope other results go their way to stand a chance of reaching the quarter finals of the Heineken Cup.

West admits he and director of rugby Jim Mallinder have felt under pressure with some speculation about their future if they do not start winning trophies. But he insists they have the board's full backing.

"That's not nice and we know how much effort we put into the game, but it is one of those things," said West. "We need to keep working hard and make sure that our players are all enthused, come to work and enjoy it, and I think we're at that stage."

"Al the doom and gloom that's around - we're still in the mix and we'll keep fighting both as coaches and players."



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BASKETBALL

BARRY Powell has hailed the Northamptonshire Titans ladies as a group that can inspire the next generation ahead of Sunday's National Trophy semi-final away to Birmingham Mets.

The Titans have reached the last four of the competition in their first season since restructuring the club following a merger between the Northampton Nets youth team and Wellingborough Phoenix senior side.

A 58-47 win away to Loughborough Student Riders II on Sunday kept them within sight of the VCARS.co.uk Division Two play-offs, and head coach Powell believes his team are capable of great things.

"With this group of ladies, I'm confident that as long as we make the party then we'll be able to show what we can do, whether we're home or away," he said.

"We took some time to find our feet at the start of the season, but the success of this team since then can inspire the next generation and we're starting to see that."

Powell was in charge of the Phoenix ladies team that were runners-up to Brixton Top Cats in the 2009 Trophy final, while team captain Angelina Browne-Akinyemi is the only player from that side still playing.

Birmingham are one of the few teams to have defeated the Titans in the league this season. Powell expects their strong back court game to pose his team several challenges.

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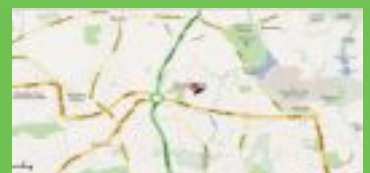
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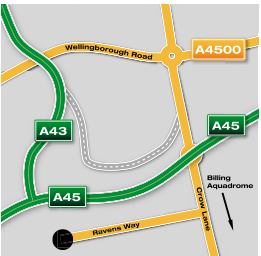
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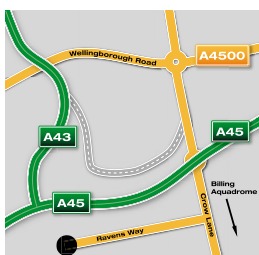
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